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SUBJECT: HURRICANE FIFI - SITREP 1

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1. LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT HONDURAS MAKE A VALID  
OVERALL ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE FROM HURRICAN FIFI DIFFICULT.  
EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF OVER 100 DEATHS  
IN VARIOUS NORTH COAST TOWNS. THERE IS AN UNCONFIRMED ESTIMATE  
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THAT THERE HAS BEEN A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 600 DEATHS ON

NORTH COAST.

2. WATER SUPPLIES CONTAMINATED IN NORTH COAST CITIES AS WELL AS IN TEGUCIGALPA AND SAN PEDRO SULA. SAN PEDRO SULA REPORTS HEAVY FLOODING BUT HALF OF CITY HAS POWER. ALL ROADS CUT LEADING TO SAN PEDRO SULA INCLUDING LINK WITH LA MESA AIRPORT.

3. TEGUCIGALPA HAS HAD HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODING HAS CAUSED EVACUATION FROM LOW LYING AREAS. THERE ARE 600 REFUGEES LODGED IN BUILDING IN CENTRAL TEGUCIGALPA FROM FLOODED AREA. POWER IS OUT IN SOME SECTIONS OF TEGUCIGALPA. ROADS LEADING TO TEGUCIGALPA HAVE BEEN CUT.

4. CARE HAS REQUESTED UTILIZATION OF \$15,000 FOR LOCAL PURCHASE OF CLOTHING IN SAN PEDRO SULA. CARE HAS ALSO MADE 30,000 LBS. OF DRIED FOODSTUFFS AVAILABLE FROM ITS SAN PEDRO SULA WAREHOUSE. 30,000 LBS. OF DRIED FOOD IN CONVOY IN TEGUCIGALPA DESTINED FOR SAN PEDRO SULA UNABLE TO DEPART BECAUSE OF CUT ROAD.

5. MINISTRY OF HEALTH IS CARRYING OUT HOSPITAL INVENTORY TO DETERMINE WHAT FACILITIES ABLE TO FUNCTION. THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HAS CALLED ALL DOCTORS TO PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR SERVICE IN DISASTER AREAS.

6. HONDURAS COORDINATION COMMITTEE, COPEMH, ESTIMATES THAT THERE IS EXTENSIVE WIND AND FLOOD DAMAGE IN BAY ISLANDS, PUERTO CASTILLA, TRUJILLO, LA CEIBA, THE AGUAN VALLEY, PROGRESO, SAN PEDRO SULA, TEGUCIGALPA AND NACOME. SOME AREAS ARE AFFECTED BY HIGH WIND AND FLOODING WHILE OTHER AREAS SUCH AS TEGUCIGALPA AND NACOME ARE PRIMARILY SUFFERING FROM FLOOD DAMAGE. HONDURAN OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT ON AIR RECONNAISSANCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE AN ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE.

7. PEACE CORPS HAS ORGANIZED TWO TEAMS AND HAS SUPPLIED THEM WITH BASIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. TWO NURSES, ONE CIVIL ENGINEER AND ONE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IN EACH TEAM. EACH TEAM HAS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE WITH GENERATORS AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT. PEACE CORPS HAS CALLED ALL ITS NURSES ON NORTH COAST TO GO TO SAN PEDRO SULA TO CONTACT HEALTH MINISTRY TO VOLUNTEER  
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8. ONE U-21 AIRCRAFT WITH DAST PROVIDED BY SOUTHCOM EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN TEGUCIGALPA BY 201800Z. NO REPORTED US CASUALTIES AT THIS TIME.

9. AMBASSADOR HAS DIRECTED ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF DAO, MILGP, AID, POL AND PC TO COORDINATE

MISSION ACTIVITIES. NEXT SITREP WILL BE SENT BY 202100Z.  
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